



Mokoia Intermediate

Matua Rawiri's Shout Out



Tēnā Koutou Parents and Caregivers

2021 Donations Scheme - Mokoia is opting in again

Many of you will be aware from 2019 of the Government's scheme to replace school donations with a \$150 grant per student to Decile 1-7 schools if they choose to opt in. Mokoia Intermediate School qualifies under this criteria again. When we first heard of the scheme we were delighted that this financial burden was being lifted from our community. We would all like to think that the dream of a free education for all is attainable. We waited for the detail to be developed by the Ministry with great anticipation. As this detail has developed it has been interesting that the stipulations around the \$150 sum have grown significantly, so that now the figure not only covers what was the donation, but also a raft of other school elements. We firmly believe that we want and need to opt into the donation scheme again, for 2021, as this reduces financial expectations on our community. Having said that we have significant reservations about the constraints that this will impose on us as we try to ensure that we provide an engaging and powerful curriculum coverage again. We will of course meet the requirements prescribed by the Ministry of Education. It means that some things are going to be tight as the \$150 figure was not developed in consultation with schools but simply an arbitrary value developed for a Labour manifesto in the run up to the last election. Where we have to, and can under the guidelines, we may ask for contributions. Our aim will be to always minimize these requests but I hope you understand that if we want to offer good opportunities for our students, those extras may require further support.

Those items that are classified as 'Take Home' components of Tech Arts will be charged as part of a fee as per normal. Anything that is needed for a student to access the curriculum will be free. We will not charge for any compulsory activities.

We can confirm that we have planned to have our EOTC school camps to the Ohope Holiday Park for everyone.

Term 4/Week 1 - 13th - 16th Oct - Puarenga

Term 4/Week 2 - 19th - 22nd Oct - Kaituna

Term 4/Week 3 - 27th - 30th Oct - Waiteti

You have the rest of Term 2 and 3 to pay \$150 for the camp, 60% of whanau have already paid so thank you. Meetings will take place soon to reconfirm organisation.

Spotlight for Learning

Our 'Spotlight for Learning' student reports will be sent home by Friday next week. We have made a decision that these reports will remain as is 'Pre-COVID-19'. Three Way Conferences will take place this Term 2, in Week 11 on Tuesday 23rd June and Wednesday 24th June. This will give teachers an opportunity to discuss the distance learning during the COVID-19 lockdown with you.

Have a good, restful long weekend.

Arohanui

Matua Rawiri and the Mokoia 'A' Team

We are Limitless! We are Passionate! We are Mokoia!

Key dates for Term 2 2020

Please note: The term dates for the rest of the year stay the same. This term finishes on **Friday 3 July**. At the moment we haven't got many events, as we attempt to minimise interaction between our school and other organisations.

- Monday 1 June - Queen's Birthday (no school)
- Wednesday 3 June - Boostrix vaccinations for year 7 - cancelled
- Monday 22 June - Photolife
- Friday 3 July - end of term 2

Want to see our full school calendar? Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/MokCal>

Digital Devices

We want to encourage as many of our students as we can to own their own devices. Noel leeming has a scheme that provides you with an interest free scheme to purchase a device. We advise that the most inexpensive device is a chromebook, which you can purchase for about \$300

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The No Interest Loan scheme

- The NILS loans are:
- Up to \$1,500
- No interest and no fees
- Repayments up to 12 months
- You must be eligible for a Community Services Card

For more information contact directly Sean Perry, Salvation Army Tauranga, 021 732 142
Sean_Perry@nzf.salvationarmy.org.

We don't specify a device at our school; your best bet for an inexpensive device is a chromebook.

AIMS Games cancelled

Organisers of the Anchor AIMS Games have bowed to the inevitable and postponed this year's national intermediate-aged sports tournament until 2021.

Tournament director Vicki Semple explained it was the hardest decision the AIMS Games trustees have ever had to make in the 17-year history of the event but the Covid-19 global pandemic had made hosting the Tauranga-based tournament untenable.

"We've spent the past two months going through every possible scenario and agonising over what this decision means to our athletes, our schools, our supporters, our sponsors, local businesses and our contractors," Semple said. "The stark reality is that we just couldn't confidently host more than 11,000 athletes in September, while upholding the high standards of wellbeing we've set in previous years. And this pandemic is so much bigger than sport - not only have we had to weigh up things like training and preparation lead-ins for athletes but we've considered the likely economic impact on families and how prepared they are to send their kids away for a week with uncertainty hanging over them. There are still just so many unknowns and no-one really knows how this is all going to play out."

Feedback from schools had also been pivotal in making the decision, as has advice from relevant health authorities, School Sport NZ and national sporting bodies. Winter sports programmes are only just being devised now, at a time when schools are usually starting trials and selecting AIMS Games teams.

- *Vicki Semple, official press release*

Rheumatic Fever Prevention programme: Sore throats and skin matter

Sadly, you may be aware that we have had a high number of tamariki diagnosed with Rheumatic Fever during the lockdown period in the Bay of Plenty region. Rheumatic fever is a serious but preventable illness. It mainly affects Māori and Pacific children and young

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people (aged 4 to 19 years), especially if they have other family members who have had rheumatic fever. Poor housing conditions and overcrowding is a known risk factor.

Rheumatic fever starts with a sore throat that is known as 'strep throat' – a throat infection caused by a bacteria called Group A Streptococcus. Most sore throats get better on their own after about four days. But if strep throat is not treated with antibiotics it can cause rheumatic fever in at-risk children and young people. All sore throats in Māori and Pacific children and young people (aged 4–19 years) who are living in the Bay of Plenty need to be checked.

The prevention of rheumatic fever remains a Government priority and timely access to management of Group A Streptococcal throat infections for priority populations is a priority during COVID-19.

Key Messages:

- 1) A sore throat can lead to Rheumatic Fever if it's left untreated. Rheumatic Fever is very serious and can cause heart damage.
- 2) Every time your child has a sore throat it could be serious. Don't ignore it – take them to a doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked. Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 to find out more.
- 3) If your child is given antibiotics, it's important they take them for the whole 10 days, even if they feel better, to stop the sore throat turning into Rheumatic Fever

Skin infections are also common in tamariki and have links to Rheumatic fever. If left untreated, skin infections can lead to serious health problems. These infections can affect the blood, kidneys, bones, joints, lymph nodes and brain resulting in people needing to be hospitalised for treatment.

Furthermore, the current case definition for COVID-19 covers a broad range of symptoms

If we actively encourage children with mild symptoms (who may be contagious) for a range of seasonal and other infectious diseases to stay at home, we can all stop the spread to those who are most vulnerable.

- *Bay of Plenty District Health Board*

Merit Awards

K1	Alex Snook - For your focus and dedication to completing all your self-directed learning. Tu meke!
Rūmaki	Nirai Raureti-Mikaere - Kua huripokitia te tauihu o tō waka e Nirai! E whakarewa ake ana ki te pae o angitū!

K3	Remy Kemp - For being diligent and focused on all class tasks.
K4	Luca Managh - For your positive attitude, motivation and commitment to your learning during lockdown. I loved the variety of online activities you completed and the way you communicated regularly with me to let me know how you were doing. Tauke, e Luca!
P1	Lachlan Bruns - for helping Whaea Arihi navigate some digital technology issues she was having whilst preparing for the school zoombly. Thank you so much. Ka rawe tō awahi e taitama!
P2	Kiedis Mattock - for being a shining light of hope for all who have experienced learning challenges. Your lockdown posts prove you are a capable learner, and have the ability to create ways to engage and express your thoughts. Keep lighting the way for others. Me he whakawhiti o te ra.
P3	Jayden Lowies - For the fantastic work you completed with your family during lockdown. Your catapult was amazing! This week you have shown determination and perseverance when finishing your Storm Boy novel study. Way to go, Jayden.
P4	Harriette Davies - For the outstanding effort put into all of the assignments during lockdown. I also appreciate how you question if you are unsure of what is needed. Well done! Keep on keeping on.
W1	Blake Peterson - You have shown such amazing dedication and perseverance to your learning. Keep up the amazing work. Ka pai tō mahi.
W2	Krynu Sassenberg - The creativity you displayed with your marble tower was awesome. I applaud your effort and building skills in that challenge.
W3	Nelly Prohl - For the fantastic effort you have put into your maths work this week. You have worked so hard to get through the set tasks and have shown great determination. You have been a wonderful example of komaitanga in action. Keep it up Nelly!
W4	Jessica Nichols - Your focus and determination to get the most out of every learning experience is admirable. You show perseverance and a positive attitude towards challenges, working hard to apply what you learn to 'show what you know'. Brooke Mills - Your growing confidence and contributions when working with your peers brings a smile all to those around you. You are an amazing young person with so many fabulous ideas to contribute.
Food	Daniel Anderson - For great teamwork and organizational skills while creating your wrap during food tech. Excellent work! P4 Harriet Davies- for your adventurous combinations of flavor while creating your new wrap. Well done!
Multi	Ella Thompson - Fantastic design and plan for her Boredom Buster game. Awesome mahi during the session.
Biotech	Olivia Garrood - For exceptional effort in Science, creating an incredible research slide. Hugo Lawson - For thinking critically about our Science topics and always staying on task.

Values Bands

Value	Class	Student Name
Komaitanga	P2	Liam Annabell
Whakaiti	P2	Cyris McDonald
Upoko Pakaru	P2	Tokoaitua Owen

Celebrations

👍 Congratulations to our values trophy winner this week, **Evaleigh Hindrup K1**.

👍 Everyone has settled back into school life, albeit with Zoom meetings and lots of hand sanitiser!

👍 Excellent work from all our merit award winners.

👍 Super ideas Student Council! They were asked to report from their classes about the changes they would like post lockdown:

- More awareness of hygiene (we watched the Japanese buffet Covid 19 video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDplwOZIOEU>)
- More online learning apps
- Online passion pathways
- More say in class timetables
- Less online learning
- More online learning
- More choice in fitness - one size does not fit all
- More house challenges - the non contact stuff we can do now like the academic challenges
- Limit playground equipment numbers
- More interactive activities - we've been isolated for too long.

It is quite clear from our student and staff surveys that everyone liked self-directed learning and that this frees teachers up to work with particular learning needs in their classes. Watch this space!

👍 For more go to our Facebook group page, Mokoia intermediate 2019 - <http://bit.ly/MokoiaFacebook>

Our School Values



He iti te mokoroa nāna te kahikatea i kakati.

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Even the small can make a big impact on the big.

Contact Tracing

Like other businesses and organisations, schools need to be able to contact trace. We attempted to register to create a QR code for the Government app yesterday, but were informed this would take a number of weeks.



We are able to use our Skool Loop app however. We have a QR code on our front door that ensures your details are recorded if you are here on any given day. You can alternatively add your details directly. We are happy to help.

Our Skool Loop app is available on Google Play or the App store.

The Skool Loop app is updated weekly with all our notices.